

**WAC 292-100-140 Depositions and interrogatories in hearings—
Protection of parties and deponents.** (1) After notice is served for taking a deposition, upon its own motion or upon motion reasonably made by any party or by the person to be examined and upon notice and for good cause shown, the presiding officer may order that the deposition may:

- (a) Not be taken; or
- (b) That it may be taken only at some designated place other than that stated in the notice; or
- (c) That it may be taken only on written interrogatories; or
- (d) That certain matters must not be inquired into; or
- (e) That the scope of the examination must be limited to certain matters; or
- (f) That the examination may be held with no one present except the parties to the action and their officers or counsel; or
- (g) The presiding officer may make any other order which justice requires to protect the party or witness from annoyance, embarrassment, or oppression.

(2) At any time during the taking of the deposition, on motion of any party or the deponent and upon a showing that the examination is being conducted in bad faith or in such manner as unreasonably to annoy, embarrass, or oppress the deponent or party, the presiding officer may order the party conducting the examination to cease from taking the deposition or may limit the scope and manner of the taking of the deposition as provided above. If the order made terminates the examination, it may be resumed only upon the order of the presiding officer. Upon demand of the objecting party or deponent, the taking of the deposition must be suspended for the time necessary to make a motion for an order.

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